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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the annual adjustment of the personal needs
2 allowance for residents of certain facilities.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1542HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 249A.30A, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 249A.30A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE == PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE ==
1 4 COST OF LIVING INDEX.
1 5 The personal needs allowance under the medical assistance
1 6 program, which may be retained by a resident of a nursing
1 7 facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with
1 8 mental retardation, or an intermediate care facility for
1 9 persons with mental illness, as defined in section 135C.1, or
1 10 who is a resident of a psychiatric medical institution for
1 11 children as defined in section 135H.1, shall be fifty dollars
1 12 per month. However, beginning January 1, 2008, and each
1 13 subsequent January 1, the personal needs allowance shall be
1 14 increased in an amount which is based upon the most recent
1 15 cost of living adjustment announced by the United States
1 16 social security administration for the purpose of determining
1 17 social security benefits.

1 18 EXPLANATION

1 19 This bill provides that the personal needs allowance under
1 20 the medical assistance program, which may be retained by a
1 21 resident of a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility
1 22 for persons with mental retardation, an intermediate care
1 23 facility for persons with mental illness, or a resident of a
1 24 psychiatric medical institution for children, is \$50 and is to
1 25 be increased annually on January 1, in an amount which is
1 26 based upon the most recent cost of living adjustment announced
1 27 by the federal social security administration for the purpose
1 28 of determining social security benefits.
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